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Scottish and French Enlightenment J. Mackintosh and the revolution controversy in Great Britain

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Abstract

Edmund Burke's Reflexions on the Revolution in France provoked one of the most fertile political debates in Great Britain. As a response to the French revolution and declaration of 1789, Burke received instantly numerous responses, namely by Thomas Paine, Mary Wollstonecraft and others; this paper examines the Scottish enlightenment involvement in this debate through James Mackintosh's response to Burke this encounter of British and French enlightenment will illuminate our modern vision of human rights theories.

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